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ARRIVAL HANDBOOK

(Web Edition)

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NEXT STEPS

Here is what you need to do next:

- Obtain your **student visa** (see the *SEVIS and Visa Information* pages enclosed with your acceptance letter).
- Make your **travel arrangements** (see *Making your Travel Arrangements* in this document).
- Complete your **Housing & Arrival Information Form** that was sent to you with your acceptance letter (see *Making your Travel Arrangements* in this document).
- Prepare for **ELI Orientation** (see *ELI Orientation: What to expect when you arrive* in this document).

MAKING YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

REMEMBER:

**Newark, DELAWARE is not the same as
Newark, NEW JERSEY!**

- **Arrange your flight and travel plans** so that your final destination is Philadelphia International Airport (airport code: PHL).
- **Complete the Housing & Arrival Information Form** that was sent to you with your acceptance letter. Send it to the ELI by fax (the fax number is on the form). We will use this form to reserve your airport pick-up and to make hotel reservations (“temporary housing”) for you, if necessary. Reservation numbers will be sent to you by e-mail.
- **If the ELI reserved the airport pickup for you**, after you arrive at the Philadelphia airport go to the Ground Transportation desk near the baggage claim. The employee there will help you to contact Delaware Express, the company that will drive you to Delaware.
- **If you have questions about your airport pick-up reservation or your hotel reservations**, please contact Letha Earl, the ELI Housing/Arrival Coordinator, by e-mail at learl@udel.edu.

ELI ORIENTATION: WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

All students are required to attend ELI Orientation!

At ELI Orientation, you will:

- Take a placement test to determine your English level. The test will have an oral section, a written essay, and an interview
- Take a tour of the University of Delaware (UD) and learn about UD facilities
- Obtain your UD student identification card
- Learn how to open a bank account on campus
- Receive and pay your ELI session bill
- Register with the UD Office of Foreign Students and Scholars

Bring these documents with you:

- Passport
- I-20 form (or DS-2019 form, if applicable)
- I-94 card (you will receive the I-94 card on your flight to the USA)

Important note about placement testing:

Class assignments are based on the results of your placement test. Students placed in Levels 4, 5, or 6 may choose courses in Business English, American Culture, and/or Academic English. Since these classes are very popular, all students must arrive in time to be tested. Students arriving after ELI Orientation may find that these elective classes have been filled and are unavailable.

How to pay your session bill:

The ELI accepts credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover), cash, check, and money order. Please be prepared to pay your session bill during ELI Orientation.



WHAT TO PACK

- Passport and some extra cash (we do not recommend that you travel with large amounts of cash in case of loss)
- Clothes appropriate for the season you will live here—remember, Delaware has four (4) seasons!
- One set of dress clothes
- Laptop computer and camera (if you have them)
- Exercise clothes and bathing suit
- Prescription medication—bring a supply of the medication as well as an the prescription (written in English)
- Extra contact lenses and the prescription for glasses or contact lenses (written in English)
- Travel-sized power adapter/voltage converter to adapt your electronic equipment to US plugs and electricity (120V, 60Hz)
- A small supply of toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, etc.)
- Comfortable shoes—you will walk a lot!

Linen, towels, and school supplies can be purchased after you arrive.

REMEMBER:

There is no sales tax in Delaware!

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

Health insurance

- All foreign students must participate in the university's medical insurance plan unless they can provide proof that they already have insurance that will cover their medical expenses during their period of enrollment at the university. The insurance cost will be included on your ELI session bill.
- If you already have medical insurance, your proof of insurance must show the amount of coverage and the beginning and end dates of that you will be covered.
- American insurance plans do NOT cover illnesses or medical needs you developed before coming here (eg: diabetes, pregnancy, emphysema).

Dormitory reservation confirmation:

- If you requested to live in a dormitory on campus, the ELI will not be able to confirm your dormitory reservations until approximately two (2) weeks before the beginning of the session. You will receive a dormitory confirmation by e-mail.
- If you have any questions, contact Letha Earl, the ELI Housing/Arrival Coordinator, by e-mail at learl@udel.edu.